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SUBJECT: REBEL ACTIVITY IN CHAD

REFS: (A) STATE 027625; (B) NDJAMENA 0429;
(C) NDJAMENA 0413; (D) 77 BONN 15130 (NOTAL)

1. THE CHADIANS (THROUGH MINISTER ZAKARIA) HAVE ALSO APPROACHED THE FRG EMBASSY IN NDJAMENA FOR ALL POSSIBLE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP CHAD THROUGH THE CURRENT CRISIS. THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT
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MILITARY AID COULD NOT BE PROVIDED BUT SAID HE WOULD FORWARD THE REQUEST TO BONN. MEETINGS ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS WHAT MIGHT BE DONE; THE FRG EMBASSY IN NDJAMENA HAS BEEN ASKED FOR SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS.

2. PRESIDENT MOBUTU IS STILL IN THE FRG, EVEN THOUGH

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HIS OFFICIAL PROGRAM CONCLUDED LAST NIGHT. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS WORKING NOW TO ARRANGE ANOTHER MEETING WITH HIM TO DISCUSS THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CHAD AND HOW ZAIRE MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE. (COMMENT: THE FRG WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF VIRTUALLY ANYTHING MOBUTU WOULD BE WILLING TO DO, BUT REALIZES MOBUTU'S PROBLEMS IN SHABA WILL CONDITION ANY ZAIRIAN RESPONSE. END COMMENT.)

3. THE FRG EMBASSY IN NDJAMENA ALSO REPORTS THAT TWO CHADIAN AIR FORCE PLANES WERE DOWNED BY SAM FIRE LAST WEEKEND. A DC-3 WAS SHOT DOWN ON JANUARY 28--THERE IS NO REPORT ON THE FATE OF THE 2 CHADIAN AND 3 FRENCH PASSENGERS--AND A DC-4 WAS SHOT DOWN THE FOLLOWING DAY WHILE SEARCHING FOR THE WRECKAGE OF THE FIRST. NO ONE ON THE SECOND AIRCRAFT WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED; MINISTER ZAKARIA IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AMONG THE PASSENGERS.

4. COMMENT: LATE LAST YEAR, CHAD FINALLY MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO REPAY THE DEBTS WHICH WERE BLOCKING AN FRG OFFER OF DM 5 MILLION IN COMMODITY AID. THAT AID HAS NOW BEEN DELIVERED. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS HANDLING THE LATEST REQUEST ON A PRIORITY BASIS AND IS INCLINED TO PROVIDE FURTHER ASSISTANCE, SHORT OF MILITARY AID.
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